

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A key inventory chest comprising:
 - a) a case having a docking port formed therein;
 - b) a tag including second means for attaching said tag to keys, said tag is provided for each key to be located on the case and said tag further including a docking button, spaced apart from said second means, of a size and shape for lockable engagement in said docking port to temporarily fasten said keys [[in]] on said case wherein said second means is the combination of a small aperture through which a locking ring is threaded and further wherein the tag includes a slot for holding a wire wound spring which attaches to the key head; and,
 - c) wherein said docking button is arranged for snap-in fitting and locking into said docking port and releasable therefrom by digital pressure applied to said button.
2. (Previously Amended) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case contains a single docking port and said docking port and said docking button lie in a plane with each other for complete interfitting thereof.
3. (Currently amended) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case contains a plurality of docking ports and ~~said~~ docking ports and docking buttons are spaced-apart and lie in a plane with each other for complete interfitting thereof.
4. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall triangular outline.
5. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall circular outline.
6. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall elongated outline.
7. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall elongated outline and contains means for attaching more than one case together in end-to-end fashion.

8. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case further includes a side loop for holding other keys.

9. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is circular in outline and said docking ports are circular and of equal size.

10. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said first means to attach said case to a carrying element is a belt clip.

11. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said first means to attach said case to a carrying element is a wall mount.

12. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said second means includes a circular wire winding.

13. (Previously Amended) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said docking button is supported on said tag by a spring arm extending therebetween.

14. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said carrying element is a wall plaque and said case is attachable to said wall plaque.

15. (Withdrawn) A key inventory chest comprising:

a) a case having first and second docking ports formed therein, in spaced-apart arrangement, and including first means for removeably attaching said case to a carrying element; and,

b) first and second tags, each said tag including second means for loosely attaching said tag to a finger-holding portion of standard keys, said tags further including docking buttons, each said tag spaced apart from said second means, and of a size and shape for temporary lockable engagement in said first and second docking ports, respectively, to temporarily fasten said keys to said case;

c) wherein said docking buttons are arranged for snap-in fitting and locking into said first and second docking ports, respectively, and releasable therefrom by digital pressure applied to said buttons.

16. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 15 further including a second case for interconnection with said first case.

17. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 16 further including a second case for interconnection with said first case through interconnection of a docking button with a docking port.

18. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 15 wherein said first and second docking ports lie in a common plane passing through said case.

19. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 15 wherein said case is elongated and said docking ports are arranged in side-by-side order therealong.

20. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 15 further including a label site adjacent said docking port and further wherein the label site may be on the tag.